

votes given in said districts, respectively, for and against the establishment of primary schools, in compliance with the 29th section of the act of assembly, passed at the last session, chapter 162; and a report from the commissioners of the school fund in Calvert county, shewing how the said fund has been appropriated; severally referred to the standing committee on public instruction.

Mr. Millard submitted the following order; which was twice read, and laid on the table, viz.

Ordered, That the standing committees report to this house, as soon as practicable, the result of their deliberations, in order to bring the session to a close by the 20th of February next.

Mr. Gough submitted the following order; which was twice read, and laid on the table; viz.

Ordered, That the committee of grievances and courts of justice, be instructed to inquire into the expediency of purchasing 122 copies of the 1st, 2d, 3d, and 4th vols. of Harris and Johnson's Reports, or copies of such vols. as have not been already purchased, and of distributing the same in the manner pointed out, by a resolution, passed at the last session of the legislature, for the distribution of the 5th and 6th vols. of the same work.

And further, that the said committee inquire into the expediency of procuring and distributing the continuation of said Reports annually hereafter, agreeably to the said resolution.

Mr. Millard asked and obtained leave to introduce a bill, to be entitled, An act to authorise George Wathen, administrator of James H. Wathen, to sell certain lands; whereupon Messrs. Millard, Gough and Hawkins, were appointed a committee to prepare the same.

Mr. Bennett offered the following order; which was twice read, viz.

Ordered, That for the transaction of local business, this house will sit, during the remainder of the session, from 6 to 9 o'clock post meridiem.

Mr. Teackle proposed to amend the said order by adding to it the following, viz. And that committees shall sit during the residue of the night.

On motion by Mr. Barnes, the consideration of the order, with the amendment proposed, was referred to the 1st day of June next.

Mr. Buchanan, chairman of the committee therein mentioned, delivered the following report; which was twice read, and concurred in, viz.

The committee on divorces, to whom was referred the petition of Maria Hinton, of Washington county, have given their attention to the subject; and respectfully beg